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To whom it may concern,

This settlement is a not a good proposal to enhance competetion or bring more choice to consumers. It does not address the main issues regarding Microsoft's monopoly. The best way to do this is to require Microsoft to publish it's file formats and proprietary standards to the public. This would allow people to communicate with Microsoft products using other operating systems, hence allowing a real choice in what to use. This would not hinder Microsoft's ability to compete on it's own merits. The operating issue is not as important as the use of the Microsoft Office products and Outlook/Exchange to further it's monopoly. Opening these standards would allow a level playing field without undue restrictions on Microsoft and it's ability to inovate. This would not require an undue burden of enforcement on the government or Microsoft. I feel this would be an excellent move for consumers and, frankly, Microsoft. I hope these concerns are taken into consideration when reviewing this settlement.

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